

REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested. The amendments find support in the application as originally filed and adds no new matter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(f). The amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and 1.121.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 42, 56, 57, 67, 70-72 and 75 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-41, 43-55, 58-66, 68-69, 73-74 and 76-115 have been canceled.

Claim 42 has been amended.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicant graciously thanks the Examiner for conducting an interview on December 14, 2005 to discuss some formal matters. In the interview, it was agreed that Claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten to include the base (independent) claim 42.

In regard to Claim 42, Claim 42 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 52. Accordingly, Claim 42 is now allowable.

The FOA indicated that Claims 56, 57, 67, 70-72 and 75 are allowable. These claims and claim 42 are the only claims remaining in the application.

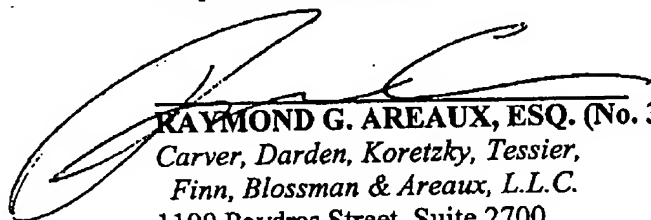
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CONCLUSION

Based on the above, it is submitted that all of the remaining claims in the case are allowable and an early notice of the same is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference will in any way expedite the disposition of this matter, he is respectfully invited to contact this attorney at (504) 585-3803. **To the extent additional fees are required to file or process this application, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-0937.**

Respectfully submitted,



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